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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a European Search Report mailed May 6, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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US 4,683,396 corresponds to German reference DE 3437 862.

A partial translation of DE 3437 862 is provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

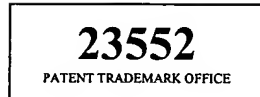
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